

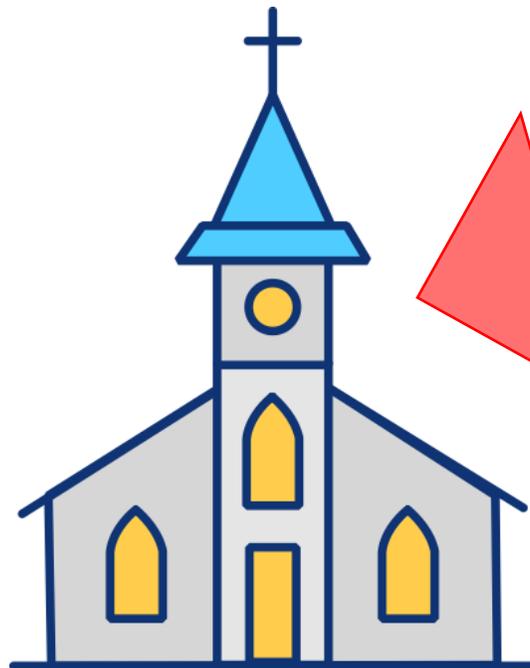


Faith at Home is a national campaign that builds on the work of Growing Faith and Everyday Faith to support the faith development and pastoral care of children and young people.

Growing Faith



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In contact with less than 5% of under 18s
Losing under 16s at rate of 35% p.a.

Care for Family research demonstrates lack of confidence in Christian parents to disciple own children

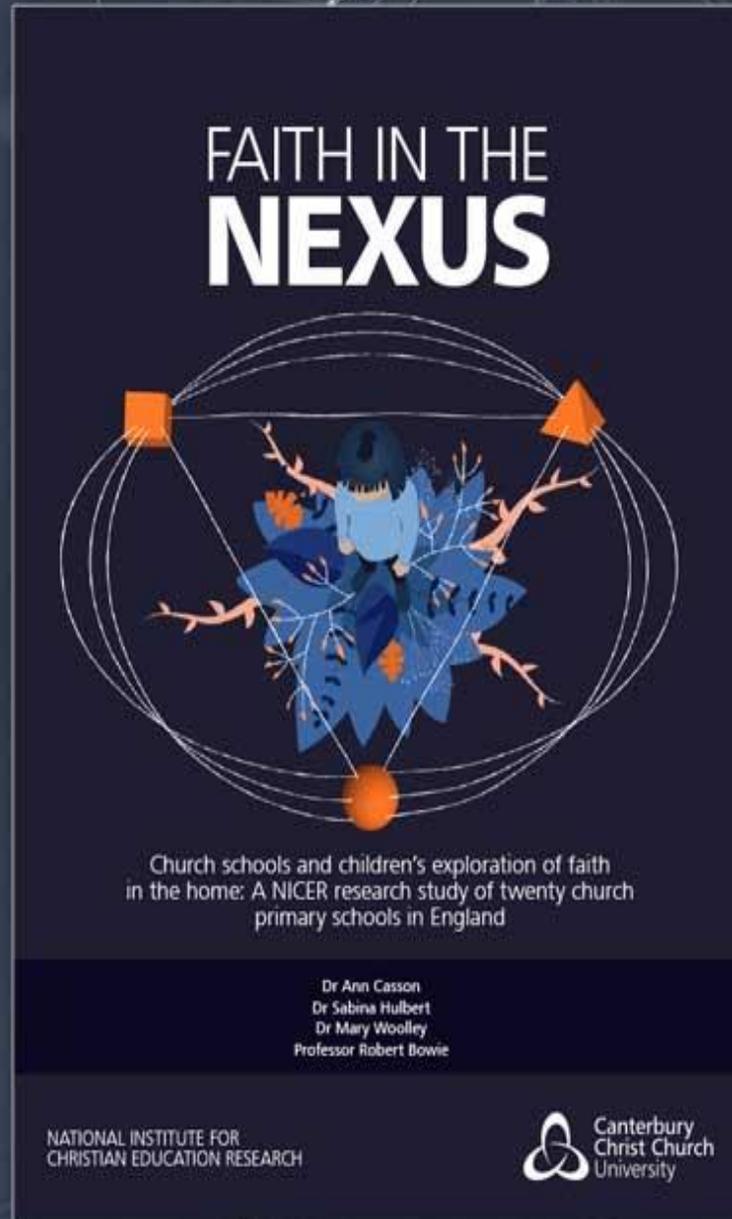
DoY has an effective Education Team who promote Christian values etc in CofE Schools. Many good working relationships between church and school around the Diocese

Mustard Seed Stepping Up participants report their children as the instigators of their faith journey

Feedback from schools about positive reaction from parents/carers about DoY JTTB, Easter and Christmas resources sent home



The Faith in the Nexus research published in November 2020 explored the impact that church schools had on the spirituality and faith development of children and offers insights about how we engage in 'faith at home' more generally.



- Talking about faith
- Sense of belonging: family, school and church
- Being: reflective practices
- Doing: routines, rituals and relationships
- Scripture in the home.

Children and Young People are...

- Active and encouraged members of congregations
- Unwilling and endured members of congregations
- Friends of Jesus with no home and no encouragement
- Interested in Jesus but don't know much
- No idea who Jesus is or the friendship he offers them

} 5%

} 95%

**And they all live in a home
where their experience and
understanding is reinforced
or undermined!**



What are we already doing?

- Producing 'joined up' resources for use in church, home and school, particularly around Christian Festivals and soon around theological themes of 'being light – living Christ's story'
- Modelling ways of talking about spirituality and faith e.g. 'Wonder Together' sections in [Journey Through the Bible \(JTTB\) calendar](#) and other resources
- Encouraging prayer in the home <https://children-of-light.uk/>

What are we working on?

- Celebrating the faith stories of children and young people around the Diocese
- Working with Mustard Seed and Multiply teams to increase confidence in adults when responding to 'faith talk' by children and young people
- Encouraging PCCS to reflect on the place of children and young people in the kingdom and their church family
- Supporting development of projects around the Diocese and resourcing churches for mission to and with children and young people

What still needs to happen?

- Ensure that ministerial review discussions include giving priority to connecting churches and local schools and effective mission and ministry strategies for engaging with children and young people that support faith in the home
- Training on the outcomes of the Faith in the Nexus report for clergy and volunteers to facilitate connection and relationship building – due to start in April
- Re-start the roll out of the ‘Baby Spirituality’ programme planned for 2020 and develop initiatives similar to the ‘three steps to Christening’ in the Liverpool Diocese to enable churches to support family faith encounter and development in the early years
- Run events like a ‘family weekend’ at Wydale that nurture engagement with faith, spirituality and scripture in the whole family
- Cultivate positive attitudes in churches and church governance so not only hearing but actively encouraging the voices and leadership of children and young people in congregations and missional activity e.g. YCCN Walk in September
- Spend time with congregations, parents and grandparents working through patterns and practices that provide space for children and young people to speak and be heard